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Dear Dr. Vernon:

This confirms the discussion Mr. Ralph S. Heyer held with you, Mr. Tom Looby, and Mr. Al Hazle on April 30, 1987, following our review of the Colorado radiation control program.

As a result of our review, comments and recommendations were developed, which included two concerning Category I Indicators, Status of Inspection Program and Enforcement Procedures (Enclosures 1 and 2). In view of these findings we cannot offer a finding of adequacy and compatibility of the program until after we have reviewed and evaluated the state's response to the specific technical comments and recommendations. Therefore, I would appreciate your review of our recommendations and receiving your plans to address these program areas. You may wish to have Mr. Hazle respond directly to the other technical comments.

An explanation of our policies and practices for reviewing Agreement State programs is attached as Enclosure 3. Enclosure 4 is a copy of this letter for placement in the State Public Document Room or to otherwise be made available for public review.

On April 12, 1987, NRC reorganized its staff. The State Agreement Program is now a part of the new Office of Governmental and Public Affairs, which reports to the Commission. One purpose of this organizational change was to provide an improved focus for NRC relationships with the States. Our regional offices will continue to administer and implement NRC's regulatory programs. We encourage you and your staff to continue to look to the Regional Administrator and his staff as the primary contact with NRC.

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I appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to Mr. Heyer during the review meeting.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:  
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